

I'm not sure if there is a more flashback-inducing spirit than Tequila. Seems almost everyone can dial up that memory of a "not-so-pleasant" experience either due to quantity or quality. 100% Agave on the label will be your first mark of quality whether you are looking for a smooth sipping blanco for mixing, reposado to check all the boxes, or a complex Añejo to sip and meditate over. As you move up in age, be prepared for more complex flavours as well as a heftier price tag. Try a nice smoky Mezcal to convert the Whiskey drinker in your life. Want to take out the guesswork? Trust the recommendation of your favorite bartender or associate at your go-to store (or look below). Darren Fabian







Paquera Mezcal Espadin, Mexico \$84-90 CSPC 862116



Tequila Plata Mexico \$65-70 CSPC 785712



Reposado Gran Reserva Mexico \$80-87 CSPC 811617



Mijenta Tequila Reposado Mexico \$120-125 CSPC 859526



Por La Gente Teguila Blanco Mexico \$69-75 CSPC 864882



PREMADE COCKTAILS

Still a rather new component of the beverage market, premade cocktails still have a home in easy, refreshing - and often canned - mixed drinks, but at the same time we are loving the variety - and quality of bottled, ready to drink, classic cocktails ones that might be beyond the casual or occasional enthusiast. Reduce the clutter and still have a quality cocktail? Sign me up! Tom Firth

BEST IN CLASS TIE



ORIGINAL TEQUILA PALOMA Canada \$15-17 (4-PACK CANS) CSPC 831157



BEAUTIFUL DRINKS CO. **GRAPEFRUIT** & ROSEMARY **SPARKLING GIN & TONIC**

Canada \$15-17 (4-PACK CANS) CSPC 865695



Founder's Original Vodka **Lemon Fizz** Canada \$15-17 (4-pack cans) CSPC 831155



Grizzly Paw Gin Squeeze Alberta, Canada \$14-16 (4-pack cans) CSPC 835237



Founder's **Original Gin Bramble** Canada \$15-17 (4-pack cans) CSPC 831156



Skunkworks Moonshine Mule Alberta Canada \$15-17 (4-pack cans) CSPC 875498



Tumbler & Rocks Shaft Cocktail Alberta, Canada \$38-42 (750 mL) CSPC 856760